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SUBJECTC MOZAMBIQUE DEFENSE DELEGATION TO VISIT USSR

1. LOCAL PRESS APRIL 22 ANNOUNCED THAT MOZAMBIQUE DEFENSE MINISTER ALBERTO CHIPANDE IS LEADING A TEN-MAN MOZAMBIQUE MILITARY DELEGATION TO VISIT THE USSR BEGINNING APRIL 22, UPON THE INVITATION OF MARSHAL ANDREI GRECHKO, USSR DEFENSE MINISTER. THE MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION CONSISTS OF CHIPANDE, JACINTO VELOSO (OF THE SECURITY POLICE, SNASP), SERGIO VIERA (PRESIDENTIAL AIDE), CANDIDO MONDLANE (COMMANDANT IN MARY AND FRELIMO PARTY LEADER), JOAQUIM MUNHEPE (COMMANDANT IN ARMY GENERAL STAFF), ESTEVAO DIMAKA (COMMANDANT IN ARMY GENERAL STAFF), AND PEDRO, ODALA, BERNARDO GIOGOI, FELICIANO GUNDANA AND MATIAS JUMA (ALL UNKNON BUT BELIEVE TO BE SENIOR ARMY COMMANDANTS).

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2. ADDRESSING PRESS ON DEPARTURE, CHIPANDE STATED THAT

PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO FORGE "NEW RELATIONS BASED ON THE NEW SITUATION WHICH THE MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE FACE." HE STATED THAT MATTERS CONCERNING BOTH PEOPLES, PARTIES, AND ARMIES WOULD BE DISCUSSED "SINCE WE ARE BOTH ENGAGED IN THE SAME ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE." HE ADDED THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN GPRM AND USSR WILL BE REINFORCED IN THIS "NEW SITUATION", ESPECIALLY WHEN MOZAMBIQUE FINDS ITSELF IN THE VANGUARD OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. COMMENT: CHIPANDE'S REMARKS SUGGEST THAT MILITARY ASSISTANCE BOTH TO MOZAMBIQUE AND TO THE ZIMBABWE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL BE A PRIORITY ITEM OF DISCUSSION. THE VISIT OF THIS DELEGATION WHICH FOLLOWS THE RECENT VISITS OF GPRM COMMERCE AND INFORMATION MINISTERS TO THE USSR, UNDERSCORES THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF USSR AS A SOURCE OF TRADE, AID, ARMS, AND IDEOLOGICAL REINFORCEMENT TO MOZAMBIQUE.
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